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Turlock Amateur Radio Club (T.A.R.C.)



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June 2026

The next general club meeting is Tuesday June 9, 2026, at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. There will be a license testing session at 6:00 pm prior to the meeting. Doors will open shortly before the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.





From the desk of the ARC-OVER editor: Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to the June edition of the ARC-OVER. Make sure you are at this meeting. There will be a report on the final plans for this year's Field Day (June 27 and 28, 2026). You will not want to miss this meeting. This is a photo that I took of Don W6DEJ operating at last year's field day.

There will also be a report on the recent Fox Hunt. Who found the Fox?

At May's meeting there was a great presentation by Spencer KJ6ART on building an AllStar node.



Pacificon, the ARRL Pacific Division Ham Radio Convention is coming up in October. Check the web site for updated information on vendors, presentations and workshops. <https://www.pacificon.org>

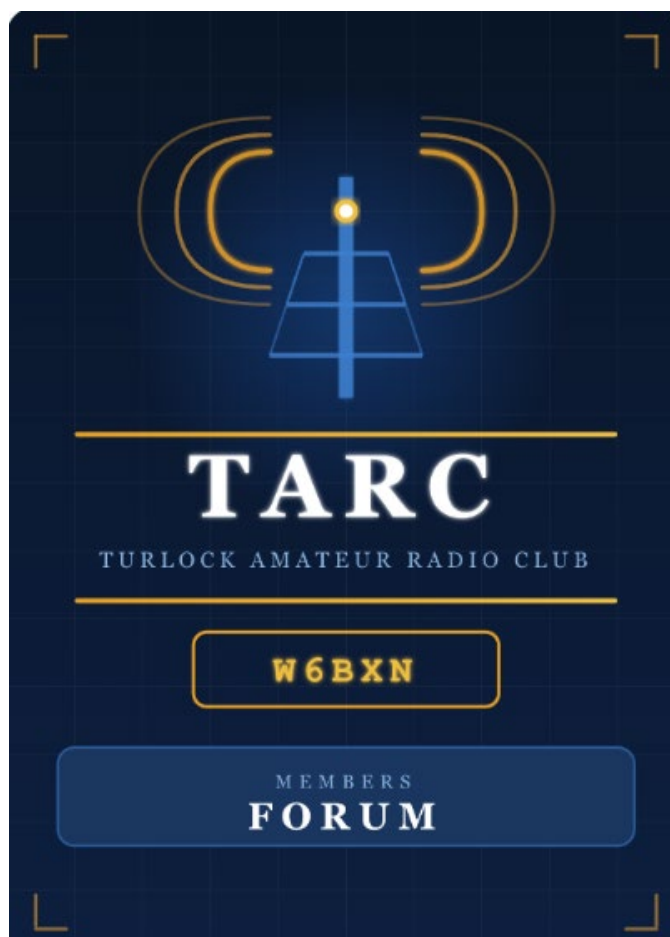
Spencer KJ6ART asked that this be posted in the ARC-OVER.

Many of us knew Hal Hunter K6RF/SK from Oakdale from conversations on the repeater/D-Star and CheapQSLs. Hal will be missed. If you are interested in purchasing any of the below equipment, Hal's son Ray (W6EST) can be reached at ray.w6est@gmail.com.

Spencer has set up some information and photos of the items for sale on the club web site. Go to <https://w6bxn.org/k6rf-estate/>

If you have anything to submit to the ARC-OVER, please let me know at kf6npg@aol.com. For the latest information on amateur radio activities follow the club on discord, Members Forum, Facebook, club website, and read the ARC-OVER.

The Club Members Forum



Access through the club web site, [Turlock Amateur Radio Club https://w6bxn.org](https://w6bxn.org))

Senator Ted Cruz Praises Amateur Radio Operators for Emergency Preparedness

Courtesy of the ARRL Letter May 28, 2026

Senator Ted Cruz, [in a strong pre-Memorial Day message](#) publicly highlighted the critical role that Amateur Radio Service volunteers play during disasters, praising and thanking ham radio operators who provide essential communications when storms and emergencies knock out power and cellular networks and communities are cut off. Sen. Cruz observed that in these emergencies it is ham radio operators who step forward, bringing with them the tools, expertise, and the commitment to reconnect people when it matters most. He noted this dedication was clearly demonstrated in 2017 when Hurricane Harvey's catastrophic flooding devastated communities across Texas and that it was demonstrated again more recently in the horrific Camp Mystic floods. He emphasized that as the Nation

prepares for yet another summer storm season, ham radio's role remains just as vital as ever.



Stating that while future emergencies will come, Sen. Cruz pointed out that so would Amateur Radio — ready to respond, ready to serve, and to make a difference. He ended his statements, thanking ham radio for its courage and commitment, noting that Amateur Radio's work strengthens our communities.

Senator Cruz is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. His comments align with the ARRL's ongoing efforts to strengthen and protect Amateur Radio's role in emergency preparedness and public service communications.

His comments also reflect growing Congressional recognition of the value Amateur Radio Operators bring to communities across the country. ARRL continues to advocate for legislation that protects and strengthens Amateur Radio's role in emergency preparedness and public service communications.

ARRL's nationwide grassroots campaign supporting the bipartisan [Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act](#) has generated more than 155,000 letters to members of Congress in support of H.R. 1094 and S. 459. The legislation seeks to ensure that Amateur Radio Operators can install and maintain effective outdoor antennas at residences where private land-use restrictions might otherwise prohibit them, helping communities maintain resilient emergency communications capabilities during disasters.



ARRL Legislative Committee Chairman and West Gulf Division Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, said the continued outreach effort has required “long hours on the ground and an uncountable number of personal meetings with Senators, Representatives, and their staffs” to raise awareness of the importance of Amateur Radio to our country.

“The most recent proof that those efforts have, and are, increasing Congressional support for Amateur Radio is evidenced by the decision of Chairman Cruz to publicly share his personal views on the value and importance of Amateur Radio to the Nation,” Stratton said.

ARRL encourages Amateur Radio Operators to participate in our letter writing campaign, located at www.arrl.org/HOA, in support of the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act and to share information about the public service role Amateur Radio plays in communities nationwide.



Arc-Over “Message from the President” Article - June, 2026

No president message this month

General Meeting Agenda

Turlock Amateur Radio Club

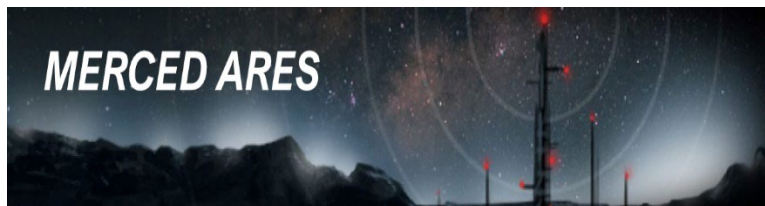
No minutes received for May

Turlock Amateur Radio Club

Income/Expense

No May report received

Turlock Discord Server



Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham

radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES®(www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).



If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **Dave KG6NUO has exciting news. Merced ARES has resumed in person meetings. The meetings will be held at Merced County OES located at the old**

Castle Air Force Base 3500 Apron Ave. Atwater, CA. He will send out further information via his Merced ARES members e-mail list. There will be no face to Face meeting in June.

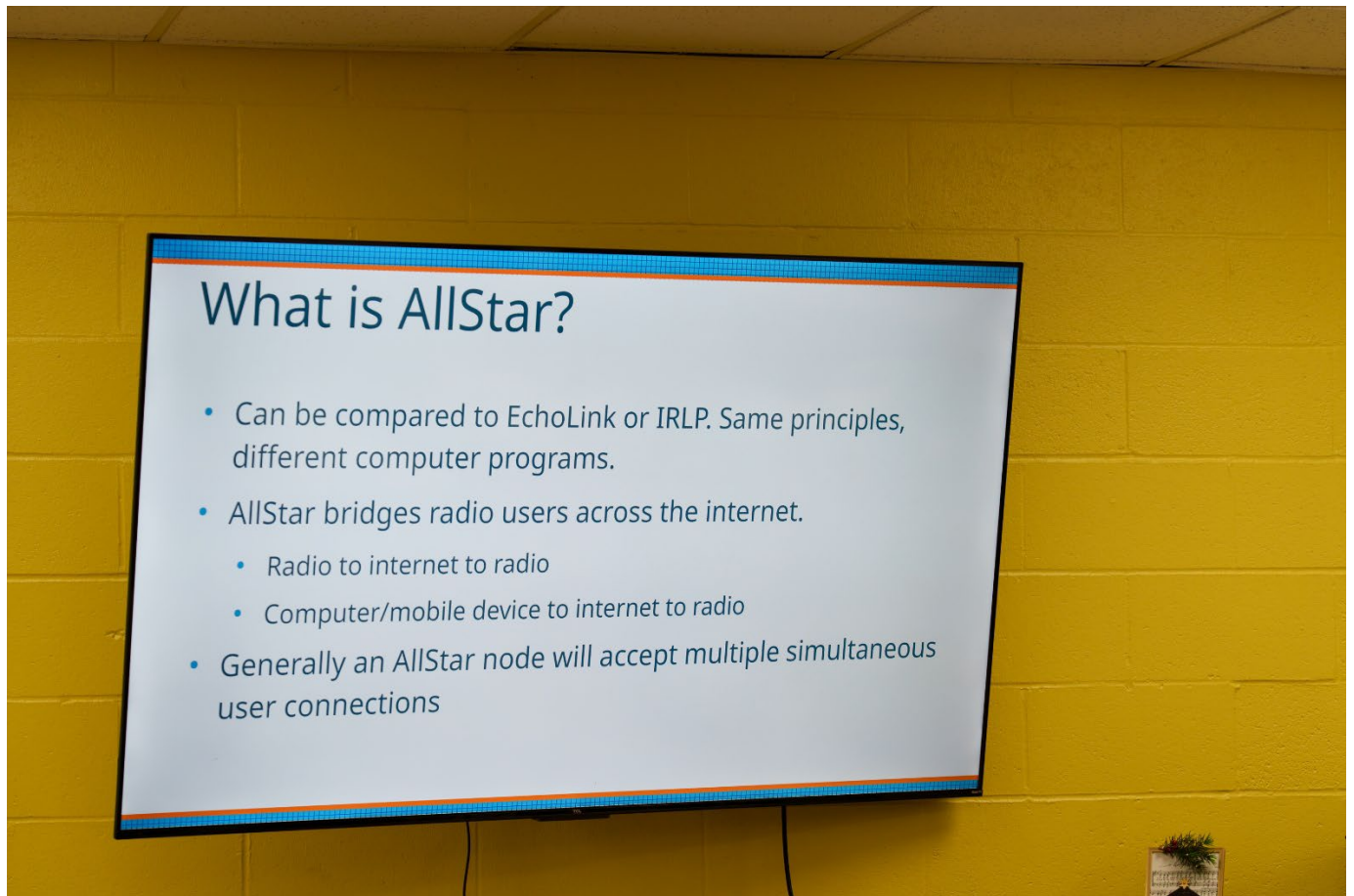
The Merced ARES meetings are held on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm. If you are not on his e mail list, please email Dave to get on the list for the meetings at kg6nuo@arrl.net . For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Dave KG6NUO.



Photos Courtesy Don W6DEJ
W6DEJ.com for additional photos
Club Meeting



Dinnie N6TLW hoping for the winning ticket



Spencer KJ6ART talking about AllStar Nodes

UPCOMING EVENTS

The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2026.

February 10, 2026, April 14, 2026, June 9, 2026, August 11, 2026, and October 13, 2026.

June

Tuesday 9th. There will be a testing session before the meeting. Doors will open as soon as testing session is over or a few minutes before the Club meeting at 7:00 pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Final Field Day preparations will be discussed.

Wednesday 17th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. **NO FACE TO FACE MEETING THIS MONTH.** The meetings will be held in person at Merced County OES at the Old Castle Air Force Base 3500 Apron Ave. Atwater, CA. ARES members please look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO for further information. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrl.net .

July

Tuesday 14th. Club meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the doors will open at 6:30 pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. The annual Summer Potluck.

Wednesday 15th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held in person at Merced County OES at the old Castle Air Force Base 3500 Apron Ave. Atwater, CA. ARES members please look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO for further information. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrl.net .

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Produced by the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club

Friday, October 16-Sunday, October 18, 2026
San Ramon Marriott
2600 Bishop Drive
San Ramon, CA 94583

TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Club Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday (club meeting night)
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net – Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Valley Section ARES Net – Sundays 7:30 PM

2026 Dues

You can now join or renew your membership for 2026. Your dues help with paying for the rent and maintenance of the TARC repeater system and club events. If you have not already done so, please consider joining or renewing your club membership. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club. **You can now pay your dues online at the club website.** You can still pay with cash or check, but the online option is now available. If paying with cash or check please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

2026 Club Officers

To protect TARC members' personal information, we will no longer post the list of members on the club website. For all club inquiries, including membership status, please send an email to info@w6bxn.org.

President Eric K7RKU

Secretary Dennis KO6KPD

Sergeant at Arms Jerry KN6GJK

Member at Large Greg KN6ZGE

Vice President Don W6DEJ

Treasurer Kevin KO6HZC

Member at Large John N6JCS

Club Trustee Spencer KJ6ART

